

Introduced by Senator Murray

January 23, 2006

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 22—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 4 of Article XVIII thereof, relating to amending the Constitution of the State.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCA 22, as introduced, Murray. Amending and revising the California Constitution.

The California Constitution requires that a proposed amendment or revision of its provisions be submitted to the statewide electorate for approval. The California Constitution also provides that a proposed amendment or revision takes effect if approved by a majority of the voters voting on that measure.

This measure would instead provide that an amendment of the California Constitution proposed by an initiative measure takes effect if approved by at least two-thirds of the voters voting on that measure.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the
2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2005-06 Regular Session
3 commencing on the sixth day of December 2004, two-thirds of
4 the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes to the
5 people of the State of California, that the Constitution of the State
6 be amended as follows:
7 That Section 4 of Article XVIII thereof is amended to read:
8 SEC. 4. A proposed amendment or revision shall be submitted
9 to the electors and ~~if approved by a majority of votes thereon takes~~

1 effect the day after the election *at which it is approved* unless the
2 measure provides otherwise. *Except in the case of an amendment*
3 *proposed by an initiative measure, a proposed amendment or*
4 *revision takes effect if approved by a majority of the voters voting*
5 *on that amendment or revision. An amendment proposed by an*
6 *initiative measure takes effect if approved by at least two-thirds*
7 *of the voters voting on that amendment.* If provisions of ~~2~~ two or
8 more measures approved at the same election conflict, those of
9 the measure receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

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